

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the present application, as currently amended, is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-31 are pending, with claims 1-18 amended and claims 19-31 added by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, claims 1 and 10 were objected to; claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C §112 second paragraph; and claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kondo et al. (U.S patent No. 7,127,736, hereinafter Kondo) in view of Ort (U.S patent No. 5,630,005).

Claims 1-18 are amended in the response to the outstanding objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and in response to additional informalities noted by Applicant. Claims 1-18 are further amended, and claims 19-31 are added, to more clearly describe and distinctly claim Applicant's invention.

Kondo describes a method and device for creating value-added information regarding a video based on favorite information of a content user. The content is processed according to the generated value-added information. Favorite data indicating operations, such as fast-forward, pause, and rewind operations, performed while the content is being played back, and personal user information, such as the age group, the gender, and the life-style, of the content user are transferred to a server via a network. The server performs statistical processing on the user favorite data to generate value-added information according to the attributes of the user, such as the age group, the gender, and the life-style.

Ort describes a method for causing a computer system or other computer controlled digital playback system to seek to a requested playback location referenced by a playback time or a frame number within a selected audio/video file that is recorded in variable data rate recording format (e.g., MPEG). The audio/video file is stored in a suitable recording media, such

as CD-ROM storage, magnetic disk storage, computer memory storage, etc. The method receives a requested playback location referenced by a playback time or frame number and also accesses an upper rate bound from a system header of the playback file.

However, both Kondo and Ort fail to disclose or suggest “determining whether or not to send the user message to the second interactive disk player depending on said comparison result” as recited in amended claim 1. Similarly, both Kondo and Ort fail to disclose or suggest “both Kondo and Ort fail to disclose or suggest” as recited in amended claim 10. Kondo and Ort fail to disclose or suggest the system and devices recited in new independent claims 19 and 25.

As none of the cited art, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests at least the above-noted features of independent claims 1, 10, 19 and 25, Applicant submits the inventions defined by claims 1, 10, 19 and 25, and all claims depending therefrom, are not rendered obvious by the asserted references for at least the reasons stated above.¹

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael E. Monaco Reg. No. 52,041 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

¹ MPEP § 2142 “...the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

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